

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

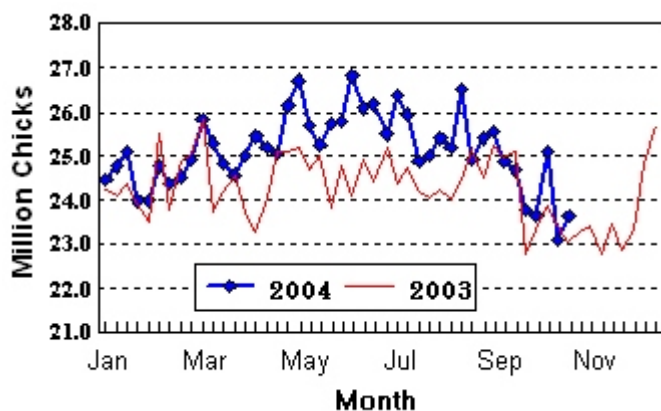
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending October 30, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 30, 2004 were 1.11 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.6 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 6 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

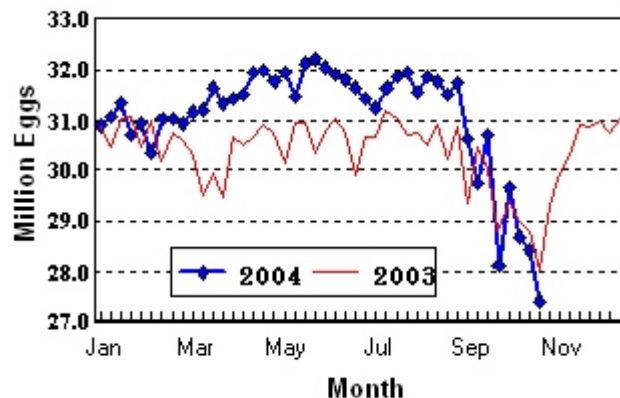
Arkansas hatcheries set 27.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 30, 2004, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down 4 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 25	25,128	24,656	98	25,337	26,187	103	30,013	30,719	102
Oct. 2	22,798	23,806	104	24,220	25,457	105	28,806	28,103	98
Oct. 9	23,333	23,656	101	25,229	24,524	97	29,386	29,684	101
Oct. 16	23,886	25,114	105	24,796	25,353	102	28,989	28,681	99
Oct. 23	23,387	23,138	99	23,882	23,259	97	28,783	28,453	99
Oct. 30	23,060	23,670	103	24,292	24,573	101	28,042	27,423	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct		25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	
Alabama	28,073 *	27,665	27,335	27,822	108	21,257	21,029	19,976	20,494	20,948	20,203	97
ARKANSAS	29,684	28,681	28,453	27,423	98	24,656	23,806	23,656	25,114	23,138 *	23,670	103
Delaware	3,619	3,563	3,366	3,500	95	4,813	4,093	4,644	5,062	4,631	5,463	118
Florida	1,349	1,349	1,346	1,345	99	1,226	1,421	1,555	1,538	1,512	1,563	103
Georgia	32,900 *	30,252 *	31,182	31,844	106	27,594	25,441	25,792	23,324 *	25,549 *	26,277	104
Kentucky	6,827	5,839	5,838	7,010	111	5,595	5,454	5,574	5,721	5,639	5,968	100
Louisiana	3,816	3,816	3,665	3,750	97	3,921	3,531	3,655	3,659	3,424	3,785	105
Maryland	8,186 *	8,118	7,967	8,547	97	5,718	5,695	4,567	5,605	6,000	4,728	87
Mississippi	18,722 *	18,354 *	17,826 *	17,752	108	17,108	16,076	15,656 *	16,095 *	16,306 *	16,567	111
N. Carolina	16,526 *	16,956	17,476 *	17,604	99	13,895	13,605	13,669	14,410	13,830 *	13,216	100
Oklahoma	6,195	6,227	5,922 *	5,698	94	5,744	5,016	4,304	4,805	3,779	4,813	123
Pennsylvania	3,737	3,769	3,588 *	3,873	118	2,907	2,661	2,434	2,573	2,794 *	2,720	110
S. Carolina	4,267	4,198	4,583	4,415	108	3,713	4,330	4,537	4,435	3,951 *	4,538	108
Texas	15,122 *	13,836	13,051	14,488	101	12,575	12,254	11,105	12,596	12,012	12,358	104
Virginia	6,530	6,091	6,573	5,987	96	5,061	5,458	4,820	4,794	4,699	5,103	99
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,561	16,534	16,257 *	16,759	104	15,735	16,949	15,014	14,290	16,632 *	15,678	112
Total 2004	203,114 *	195,248 *	194,428 *	197,817		171,518	166,819	160,958 *	164,515 *	164,844 *	166,650	
Total 2003	196,592	187,583	190,088	192,346		163,137	158,932	157,612	160,266	159,007	160,094	
%Prev. Year	103	104	102	103		105	105	102	103	104	104	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 198 million eggs during the week ending October 30, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 30, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 30, 2004 were 7.55 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.